

Veterans say America has lost interest in holiday honoring country's war heroes

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PROVO — Veterans Day has become a distant cousin in the American consciousness.

It is a poor relation who once raised Cain, then settled down. But we'd still just as soon he didn't come around anymore.

At least that's how it seems to many of the people who laid their

lives on the line in distant lands.

"The vision of sacrifice, hardship and trials of war aren't really etched into the American mindset anymore," said Thane Brower, 59, who served on two nuclear submarines, the USS Snook and USS Scamp, during Vietnam and is past second commander of Dean Mendenhall American Legion Post 13 in Provo. "Veterans Days and issues are fading into the background."

War has been losing a popularity contest ever since World War II, as veterans see it. Vietnam was the war we fought each other as much as the enemy and just wouldn't go away.

"That's the one nobody wants to talk about, much less remember," said Brower.

Korea was a stalemate, establishing some vague line in a faraway snowdrift.

The Gulf War was the only

war that was live and in living color in every family room, a daily soaper — "As the World War Might Turn." America won the ultimate Nintendo game, pushing more high-tech buttons than the other guy, The Gang That Couldn't Shoot Straight, blasting his Klingons off the screen until the enemy went "Tilt."

It was over so quickly, so

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WWII vets too old for Veterans Day drill

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VERO BEACH, Fla. — For the first time in 51 years, there will be no Veterans Day parade in Vero Beach.

There will be no men marching the streets with heavy rifles cradled in their arms, no old soldiers walking stoically under

the weight of their nation's flag strapped at their belts.

"We have people who are somewhere around 80 years old, and they can't carry the big heavy flags they carried 20 years ago," said Bud Gibbs, 74, a former prisoner of war and vice president of Indian River County's Veterans Council.

GOOD MORNING!

Superior Court jury — and the judge was chosen as forewoman.

Rumors spark bank run

HONG KONG (AP) — With depositors rushing to branches of a Hong Kong bank Monday to withdraw money, the government denied that any banks were experiencing financial troubles.

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority, the territory's de facto central bank, said it was aware of rumors that "certain banks were experiencing financial difficulties." But it said the "rumors are without foundation."

the effectiveness of interferon tenfold.

The combination produced long-term improvement in 49 percent of patients, compared with less than 5 percent in patients treated with interferon alone, the University of Florida professor of medicine said at a meeting of the American Association for the Study of Liver Disease.

Liver disease from hepatitis C is the most common reason for liver transplants in the United States. The virus infects an estimated 4.5 million Americans, but most don't know it because the virus initially causes flulike symptoms

Crews have finished constructing the two bridges. The traffic signal is installed at the east end of the connector, at US-89 and Slate Canyon Drive. The signal is not operational at this time.

Shoulder work is under way at this intersection to add additional lanes on SR-89 Southbound. Paving continues on the west end of the project.

Traffic impacts are minimal, except for Kuhn Drive, which has channelizing devices and a detour.

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